# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DEFENCE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2270
ANSWERED ON:06.05.2016
Road Construction by BRO
Khanduri AVSM Maj. Gen. (Retd) Bhuwan Chandra

**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether construction of a new alignment is proposed by Border Roads Organisation (BRO) on NH 58 to reach Mana / Badrinath, avoiding Joshimath town in Uttarkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the local people of Joshimath have been consulted before proposing the new alignment and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to use the proposed road exclusively for defence and emergency purpose so that livelihood of local residents is not affected; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) is considering a new alignment leading to Char Dham avoiding Joshimath town in Uttarakhand based on the Detailed Project Report (DPR). Public consultation is not yet done.

(d) & (e): The proposed by-pass after its completion shall be opened for all types of vehicles. However, State Government may decide for using the same as one way or two way from time to time, as it is a subject matter of State Government.
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